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Scott Announces \$150K for Early Childhood Development

LANSING— Sen. Martha G. Scott today announced that Wayne County will receive \$150,000 for early childhood development programs, creating more resources to prepare children for school through pre-kindergarten health and education programs.

“Giving children the tools to succeed in school is the first step toward ensuring achievement in later life,” said Scott. “By investing in our children, we invest in our communities, our economy, and our quality of life.”

The grant gives Wayne County the funding to create what is called a Great Start Collaborative. The Great Start Collaborative is geared toward connecting schools with businesses, communities, and government, civic, and faith-based organizations to help encourage long-term development of early childhood programs. Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) serve as the liaison for the grants, but resources extend into the community.

“Helping schools and communities prepare children for success is one of my top goals,” said Scott. “This funding will substantially boost our early childhood programs. This is a wonderful opportunity for Wayne County.”

The Great Start Collaborative project is funded through the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) a non-profit entity created by Governor Granholm charged with the task of focusing local efforts on early learning and childhood development. The ECIC awarded a total \$1.2 million among 14 communities. More grants are expected as more funding becomes available.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.